

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier. Those claims not cancelled or withdrawn but amended by the current amendment utilize the following notations for amendment: 1. deleted matter is shown by strikethrough for six or more characters and double brackets for five or less characters; and 2. added matter is shown by underlining.

1. (Currently Amended) A rocker-recliner chair comprising:

a chair frame comprising a seat, backrest, armrests and a footrest;

a rocker mechanism comprising an upper plate assembly, a base, a pair of rocker cams and a plurality of springs, the upper plate assembly including a pair of spaced apart side flanges and an upper support plate extending between and coupling the side flanges, the upper support plate presenting a width dimension, a depth dimension, and a perimeter, the upper support plate having a plurality of projecting flange portions oriented generally along the width dimension, the base including a pair of spaced apart side rails with a lower support plate extending therebetween, the lower support plate presenting a width dimension and a depth dimension, each of the pair of rocker cams operably coupled with the upper plate assembly and rockingly engaged on a separate one of the side rails so that the upper plate assembly is selectively rockably movable relative to the base, the springs directly coupling the upper support plate and the lower support plate and configured to provide a biasing force resisting rocking movement of the upper plate assembly relative to the base;

a reclining linkage mechanism attached operably coupling [[to]] the upper plate assembly ~~rocker mechanism and the chair frame~~.

~~a chair frame having a seat, backrest, armrests and a footrest operably attached to the reclining linkage mechanism;~~

~~wherein the rocker mechanism comprises an upper plate assembly having a pair of side flanges and an upper support plate extending between and connecting to the side flanges;~~

~~a base having a pair of side rails and a lower support plate extending between the side rails, the base having a cam engaging horizontal surface;~~

~~a pair of rocker cams attached to each side flange and rockingly engaged to each side rail; and~~

~~two pairs of springs, each spring attached to the lower support plate and the upper support plate.~~

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3. (Original) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 2 wherein each spring is attached directly to the upper support plate and the lower support plate by attachment means integral with the upper support plate and integral with the lower support plate respectively.

4. (Original) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 2 wherein the each spring is directly attached to the upper support plate by a tab and a nub formed in the upper support plate.

5. (Original) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 1 wherein the upper support plate is formed by punching plate stock.

6. (Original) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 5 wherein the lower support plate is formed by punching plate stock.

7. (Currently Amended) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 1 wherein each of the ~~[[upper]]~~ side flanges is L-shaped with a lower horizontal portion and wherein said lower horizontal portion is sandwiched between the upper support plate and the respective rocker ~~blocker~~ cam.

8. (Original) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 1, further comprising a rocker blocker assembly operably attached to the reclining linkage mechanism.

9. (Currently Amended) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 1, wherein the upper support plate ~~has a width and a depth and~~ is configured as a tray with upraised lip portions at the perimeter extending substantially the width dimension of the upper support plate.

10. (Currently Amended) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 9, wherein the upper support plate has an offset rib formed therein by deformation of the plate, the rib extending at least substantially the width dimension of the upper support plate.

11. (Currently Amended) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 1, wherein the lower support plate ~~has a width and a depth and~~ is configured as a tray with raised lip portions extending the width dimension of the lower support plate.

12. (Currently Amended) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 1, wherein the upper support plate assembly ~~has a periphery and~~ is configured as a tray with a lip extending around the periphery of the tray.

13. (Currently Amended) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 1, wherein the upper support plate and the lower support plate ~~each have a width and a depth and~~ each have a central hole with the respective central hole extending at least the majority of the distance of the depth dimension and the majority of the distance of the width dimension.

14. (Currently Amended) A rocker mechanism having a left side, a right side, a back and a front, the mechanism comprising;

an upper support plate assembly having a pair of side flanges positioned at the left side and the right side, and a support plate extending between and integrally connected to the pair of side flanges, the support plate presenting a width dimension and a depth dimension and having a plurality of projecting flanges oriented generally along the width dimension;

a base having floor engaging feet and a lower support plate, the lower support plate presenting a width dimension and a depth dimension,

a pair of rocker cams positioned intermediate the base and the upper support plate assembly for providing a rocking motion to the upper support plate assembly with respect to the base,

a plurality of bias springs, each of said bias springs directly engaged with and attached to each of the upper support plate and the lower support plate, said bias springs under tension and securing the upper support plate assembly to the base with the pair of rocker cams therebetween.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~rocker-recliner chair~~ rocker mechanism of claim 14, wherein each spring is attached directly to the upper support plate and the lower support plate by attachment means integral with the upper support plate and integral with the lower support plate respectively

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~rocker-recliner chair~~ rocker mechanism of claim 14 wherein the each spring is directly attached to the upper support plate by a tab and a nub formed in the upper support plate and wherein each spring is directly attached to the lower support plate by a tab and nub formed in said lower support plate.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~rocker-recliner chair~~ rocker mechanism of claim 14, wherein the upper support plate ~~has a width and a depth and~~ is configured as a tray with raised lip portions extending the width dimension of the upper support plate, and wherein the lower support plate

~~has a width and a depth and~~ is configured as a tray with raised lip portions extending the width dimension of the lower support plate.

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20. (Original) A rocker-recliner chair comprising:

a rocker mechanism;

a reclining linkage mechanism attached to the rocker mechanism;

a rocker blocker assembly operably attached to the reclining linkage mechanism;

a chair frame having a seat, backrest, armrests and a footrest operably attached to the reclining linkage mechanism;

wherein the rocker mechanism comprises an upper plate assembly having a pair of side flanges and a support plate extending between and connecting to the side flanges, the support plate configured as a tray with raised peripheral lip and a centrally positioned hole;

a base having a pair of side rails and a lower support plate extending between the side rails, the lower support plate configured as a tray with raised peripheral lip and a centrally positioned hole, the base having a cam engaging horizontal surface;

a pair of rocker cams attached to each side flange, one cam rockingly engaged to each side rail; and

two pairs of springs, each spring directly engaging and attached to the lower support plate and the upper support plate.

21. (New) A rocker-recliner chair comprising:

a rocker mechanism including a floor engaging base assembly and an upper support assembly, the upper support assembly comprising a pair of spaced apart side flanges coupled by a first plate body portion extending therebetween, the first plate body portion presenting a width dimension and a depth dimension and having a plurality of projecting stiffening elements oriented generally along the width dimension, the base assembly including a pair of spaced apart side rails coupled by a second plate body portion extending therebetween, each of the side rails comprising a cam engaging surface, the rocker mechanism further comprising a pair of rocker cams operably coupled to the upper support assembly and a plurality of springs extending between the first plate body portion and the second plate body portion, each rocker cam rockingly engaged on a separate one of the cam engaging surfaces of the side rails so that the upper support assembly is selectively rockably movable relative to the base assembly, the springs configured to provide a biasing force resisting rocking movement of the upper support assembly relative to the base assembly;

at least one reclining linkage mechanism operably coupled to the upper support assembly; and

a seat, a backrest, and an ottoman portion operably coupled with the at least one reclining linkage mechanism.

22. (New) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 21, wherein the plurality of projecting stiffening elements includes raised lip portions extending the width dimension of the first plate body portion.

23. (New) The rocker-recliner chair of claim 21, wherein the projecting stiffening elements include an offset rib formed in the first plate body portion therein by deformation, the rib extending at least substantially the width dimension of the first plate body portion.